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ACTION AGAINST VIOLATING TELECOM COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has not been empowered to take action against any company in case the company commits any irregularity;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) if not, the names of the companies against whom action have been taken during the last three years, indicating the nature of the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has been conferred with powers to make a complaint in court for taking cognizance of any offence punishable under the TRAI Act, 1997 or the rules and regulations made thereunder and it can also make recommendations to the licensor for action for non-compliance of the terms and conditions of the licence.

(c) TRAI has lodged a complaint against Pooja World Vision for not adhering to the ceiling on the charges payable by cable subscribers as per the Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Tariff Order 2004 dated 15th January 2004 and for violation of the order/show cause notice issued by the TRAI. At present the complaint is pending before the Hon'ble Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Tis Hazari Courts, New Delhi.

TRAI has lodged another complaint against Set Discovery Pvt. Ltd. for violation of the Direction / show cause notice issued for not complying with the provisions of clause 4.1 and 4.2 of the Telecommunications (Broadcasting and Cable Services) Interconnection Regulation, 2004. At present the complaint is pending before the Hon'ble Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Tis Hazari Courts, New Delhi.